

# MAGNATES FAVOR TAFT TO RULE BIG LEAGUES

## TAFT CONSIDERS BIG LEAGUE JOB

**Will Not Manage but Would Ask as Legal Adviser**

### WANTS MORE LIGHT

William Howard Taft is considering the possibility of accepting an offer to act as baseball arbitrator. Mr. Taft has no intention of taking part in the management of the baseball leagues. It was reported from New York Saturday that an offer had been made to the former President to become sole member of the national commission of the National and American Leagues.

This offer was said to have been made by H. N. Hempstead, president of the New York Nationals, and Harry Frazee, president of the Boston Americans.

Mr. Taft, in a telegram, makes plain his position in regard to the baseball situation. His message follows:

"Mr. Hempstead and Mr. Frazee called me on Saturday to ask if I would consider acting as arbitrator between the National and American Baseball Leagues in matters involving the legal construction of contracts between the leagues and their application to transients between them as they might arise."

I said to them that I did not practice law as an advocate in courts, but that I acted as arbitrator in several cases. I said that if they would write me a description of the kind of arbitration in which they wished me to act and the particular function they wished me to perform, I would consider it and advise them. I could not act except as a judge of law and facts, and not as a party to the management of their associations. It must be work of a strictly legal professional character.

I said, further, that I wished to consult my brother, Charles, to be sure that I had in mind the right to accept all interest in baseball properties, so that should I become arbitrator no question could arise as to my impartiality between parties contending before me.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

The following telegram was sent yesterday to Mr. Taft by W. F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia National League ball club:

"The Philadelphia National League ball club will welcome your acceptance of the post of sole arbitrator or judge in all matters of the National and American Leagues, before our National Commission, as constituted today. The change from the present commission of three to that of single head will entail considerable readjustment, and I will pledge you my support in every way possible if arrangements can be made with you to take over this important task. It will be with much confidence that the club owners, the players and the fans will receive and accept your decisions in all matters referred to you."

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 25.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, said tonight he had been unable during the day to get into communication with E. B. Johnston, president of the Cincinnati League, and was unable, from newspaper reports, to know absolutely nothing relative to the offer said to have been made to William H. Taft to become sole member of the commission.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 25.—Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, expressed annoyance yesterday because of what he terms a "leak" in the negotiations to induce William H. Taft to accept a post as sole commissioner of both major baseball leagues.

Nothing was to be said about this matter until Mr. Taft had been consulted, said Mr. Dreyfuss. He would not dare to approach him and get an idea as to how he would view the proposition. But it was a case of some one being able to keep secret under his hat.

The Pittsburgh magnate admitted that his recent trip east and west was for the purpose of getting in touch with owners and managers regarding the proposal. He said the east took to it, without reserve and that he was going west this week for further conference.

### CAMP STILL LOOKING THEM OVER



The veteran football authority witnessed the Pitt-Georgia Tech game from the sidelines at Forbes Field Saturday. He was "snapped" as he was following closely one of Pitt's pet plays which resulted in a Panther touchdown.

### TRIBUTE PAID TO CAPT. MC CALL

**The Rev. Dr. Johnston at Memorial Service Lauds Heroic Philadelphian**

### FRIENDS FILL CHURCH

#### By WILLIAM H. EVANS

Men, women and children who counted themselves fortunate in being the friends of Captain Howard C. McCall, thronged the Church of the Saviour yesterday morning to attend the memorial service in his honor. Five squares away, in a window of the second floor of one of the finest houses in the city, but which is now boarded up, there hung a small flag with two stars, and down the steps was a man who had the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France last July.

In the church on either side of the chancel hung two flags, one an American flag and the other a British flag, and the top row of pews was one golden-bordered bier for the men and boys of the parish who had had their last great adventure 2000 miles away. It seemed as if every one of Howard McCall's friends was in the church, for every pew was filled and some of the congregation stood at the back of the church. The organist and choir were silent, and the organist, who had played football with him, had had played football with him and baseball as well, men who knew him socially and who knew him in a business way; men, women and children who loved him and who were there to pay their tribute. He added: "There is a young man in this congrega-

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"His Brother's Tribute"—To the ordinary mind unquestioned this can mean one of, or a combination of, three things. They are: First, to recall to memory the life and death of him who is "thus gone," as Riley puts it; second, to mourn him, and third, to rejoice in his death. The last two are out of the question, and any one who dwelt on neither, I lost more than a brother when that rotten Hun machine gun opened up. I lost the closest pal and best friend I ever had or can hope to again. But I don't mourn him; because the life he lived has put us in much better place than even you can ever dream."

"As for Riley, I try not to praise him myself, but once in a while something just slips out. But he needs no advertising, nor do his deeds. He does his duty, and you and I know him well enough to say truthfully that there was a man who disliked to hear people talking about him, "big fellow." He was modest to the core, or underestimating his own abilities, and helpful to others in his just praise and kindly criticism of them. So don't disparage him now."

Doctor Johnston said that the last thing that an American is credited with doing most, is to the people of France we're astonished to find signs of our young troops and the sober, stern faces of the men astonished them. He added:

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### HELP WANTED—FEMALE

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ALSO TYPISTS

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### WATERMEN

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### WASHERS

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